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For: NUCLEOSIDE OR NUCLEOTIDES HAVING  
NOVEL UNNATURAL BASES AND USE  
THEREOF

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**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

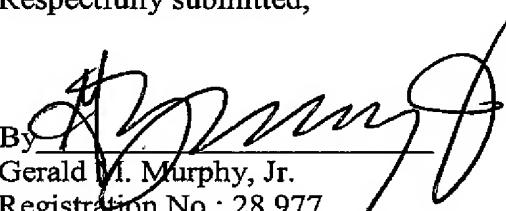
In connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith are copies of three **Foreign and/or Non-Patent Literature documents** that were cited in the International Search Report and listed on the Form PTO-SB08 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on January 14, 2005.

The PTO is requested to make these three documents of record in the file of the present application and to return the enclosed initialed Form PTO-SB08 to the undersigned. It is believed that no fee is necessary.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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